

SHOT HIMSELF ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

Then Dahl Fell Dead, with His Arms Claspings the Green Mound.

For Two Years the Old Man Had Been a Frequent Visitor to the Cemetery.

OBTAINED WORK NEAR THE SPOT.

Wanted to Be Near His Wife, He Said. Planted Flowers and Lovingly Cared for the Grave—Yesterday He Joined His Dead.

In April, 1894, Julia Dahl died, in her home at No. 195 East One Hundred and Third street, New York. She was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, near Newtown, L. I. Yesterday her husband sat down upon her grave, drew a pistol from his pocket, held it in his hand a few minutes, and then, with the muzzle pointed close to his temple, pulled the trigger. He fell over, with his arms claspings the green mound—dead.

Dahl was nearly sixty years of age. The people of Newtown never saw him until on the April day two years ago, when he stood with a white, drawn face and watched the grave diggers lowering into the earth the body of his wife. After that they noticed the stranger who visited the cemetery so frequently and sat down by the grave of Julia Dahl.

Summer came, and the old man asked a florist whose place is near the cemetery for work. He wanted to be near his wife, he said. He was given employment, and turned out to be a good workman. Of the little mound in the Lutheran Cemetery he was particularly careful. Flowers were planted upon it, and were always cared for.

In the autumn the florist had no more work for Dahl and he went away. He continued to visit the grave, however, and the cemetery employees nodded to him when they met him.

Yesterday morning one of the men saw Dahl enter the gate. It was just after 9 o'clock. He walked directly to the grave of his wife and the workman saw him sit down upon it. When he shot himself the man ran to him Dahl was dead.

The body was taken to Skelton's undertaking establishment in Newtown. Coroner Haslam was notified and took charge of the case. In the pockets of the dead man were found a silver watch with a hair chain, a pipe and a package of tobacco and 10 cents. The pistol with which he shot himself was an old one.

The cemetery authorities are sure of Dahl's identity, but no one could be found who knew his first name, or where he lived recently in New York.

CHASED THEM ON A TROLLEY.

Reckless Drivers Captured in Long Island City by a Quick-Witted Policeman.

Shortly after 6 p. m. yesterday, two dry goods delivery wagons, each drawn by a pair of horses, were seen being driven down Jackson avenue, Long Island City, at a breakneck speed, the drivers whipping their horses unmercifully. The attention of Policemen Gusten, Sullivan and Brown was called to the wagons and the conduct of the men in them, and they gave chase.

Jumping on a trolley car, succeeded in heading off the drivers, and, with the assistance of other policemen, arrested the men and took them to the Second Precinct station house, where they gave the following names and addresses: Joseph Weiss, thirty-two years old, of No. 404 West One Hundred and thirty-fourth street, New York; Conrad Kiesel, twenty-eight years old, of No. 35 Barrow street, W. J. Somers, twenty-four years old, of No. 247 West Eleventh street, and F. J. Plozet, twenty-five years old, of No. 104 Bedford street. They were locked up, charged with disorderly conduct and reckless driving.

Weiss wanted to make a charge of assault against Kiesel and Somers, but as the alleged assault was committed outside the city limits, the Sergeant declined to entertain it. Weiss stated that he and his companions had been with the wagons to Plush delivering goods. When returning, they stopped at several saloons and drank beer.

At Woodside, a quarrel arose between Weiss and Kiesel, resulting in the former being badly beaten by Kiesel and Somers. Weiss, to escape further injury, jumped on his wagon and drove off. The others quickly followed. While the wagons were going down Jackson avenue, they narrowly missed running over several children and having a collision with a trolley car.

The prisoners will be arraigned before Judge Duffy in the Long Island City Police Court this morning.

LIGHTS FOR ALL VEHICLES.

Woodruff Issues an Order Which Will Go into Effect in Ten Days

Ten days after to-day every vehicle which runs through Prospect Park or the Ocean and Eastern Parkways at night must be provided with a lighted lamp. Park Commissioner Woodruff yesterday issued the following, bearing on the subject:

"Any person using a bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, carriage, cab, hack, cart, or any other vehicle whatsoever on the roads or paths of the parks or parkways of the City of Brooklyn, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, shall be required to carry on such vehicle after sundown and before sunrise a lighted lamp, so placed as to exhibit a light capable of being seen two hundred feet in the direction in which said vehicle is going. All bicycles, tricycles and other small vehicles shall have a small bell attached thereto, and said bell shall be used to signal the approach of said vehicle. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten, or more than ten dollars for each offense."

JANITOR HELD FOR THEFT.

Lawyer Volt Believes William Burdette Stole \$1,550 from a Safe.

William Burdette, the colored porter of the new building of the Manufacturers' National Bank, Berry street and Broadway, Williamsburg, who was arrested a week ago last Tuesday on suspicion of grand larceny, was yesterday committed, by Justice Goetting in the Lee Avenue Police Court, to await the action of the Grand Jury. The complaint was Charles W. Volt, of the law firm of Volt & Fisher, who have an office in the bank building.

Mr. Volt placed \$1,550 in the safe in the office and the next morning the money was missing. Burdette, according to Volt, was then counting the money. The combination of the safe had been carelessly left in a book on one of the desks. Volt declared that circumstantial evidence pointed to the janitor as the culprit.

The police have not as yet been able to recover the money.

Farm Hand Killed by a Train.

Riverhead, L. I., May 22.—The 6:21 train on the Long Island Railroad from Franklinville this morning ran over and killed William Edwards, a colored farm hand. Last night, it was said, he went on a spree, and wound up by laying on the track. Engineer Johnson, of the train, did not see him until it was too late to stop the train. Edwards was cut to pieces.

Painful News for Spoilsmen.

Albany, May 22.—Kings County Republican spoilsmen will be pained to learn that Governor Morton to-day signed the bill giving the Brooklyn civil Service Board \$10,000 to carry on the work of reform. This measure was introduced by Assemblyman Wilson, and was subjected to all sorts of efforts to sidetrack it from the start. Rumors were circulated that the money was wanted to pay up debts that had been unlawfully accumulated, and the natural opposition of the place-seeking politicians was invoked against doing anything to prolong the life of a commission that would certainly stand between the public crib and the "regular organization." It was only after a hard fight that the bill got through, and there is ample reason to believe that the opposition was continued up to the very hour when the Governor's signature made the measure a law. If they could have succeeded in enrolling the Civil Service Board, the Worth-Battling combine would have had a clear path to all the patronage which the "grab bills" passed by the Legislature provide. But now it is believed that the places will not all go to the enemies of Mayor Wurster and Commissioner Willis.

It is understood here that the Civil Service Board is beyond the reach of the office-seeking combine, and that the necessity for taking a competitive examination will keep scores of the fat places which it was the purposes of the "grab" bills to provide. One of the Brooklyn bills signed for to-day has for its object the turning over of the Inebriate Home to political control. The machine Republicans have long sought to make the charitable and reformatory institutions of the State a part of their spoils system, and this Legislature has helped along the plan wonderfully. The politicians will hereafter control all the asylum patronage, and will have, in addition, in Kings County, whatever can be made out of the home. Senator Brush introduced the bill, which names as a new Board of Managers John Conover, John Nevills, Michael J. Kennedy, William K. Samuel, A. Avilla, H. V. Storms, Daniel Ryan, George R. Fowler, Joseph H. Raymond, Colonel L. H. Stegman, Lewis D. Mason, and Alfred I. White.

Two other Brooklyn bills credited to Senator Brush were signed during the day, but are considered harmless. They provide for the transfer for general use in the parks of the surpluses of certain specified park funds.

GROCER'S TALE OF WOE.

Claims Home and Business Have Been Ruined Because Judge Tighe Discriminated Against Him.

Charges have been preferred against Judge James G. Tighe, of the Butler Street Police Court, Brooklyn, by Carl Jansen, a wholesale grocer, of No. 440 Van Brunt street, who claims his home has been broken up, his business injured and his life ruined because of the discrimination against him by Judge Tighe.

He has had several of them arrested, but he declares the Justice has either discriminated against him or has discriminated against his cases. In his complaint to Mayor Wurster Mr. Jansen says Justice Tighe discharged a hoodlum who tried to shoot his son, remarking: "One is as bad as the other."

Mr. Jansen was stabbed by a Sicilian and had his assistant arrested, but he declares the case was postponed six times. Finally the District Attorney took charge of the case, and the case of a Swedish sailor's runaway, who threatened to shoot him, but whose sentence was suspended by Justice Tighe. The man was let loose and his son, remarking: "One is as bad as the other."

CITY AGAINST THE TROLLEY.

Six Suits Before Justice Neu for Violating the Speed Ordinance.

Six suits against the Brooklyn trolley railroads for violating the speed ordinance were tried before Judge Neu yesterday. Representatives of the Brooklyn Heights, Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban and Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad companies protested that they were not yet ready to answer the suits.

Corporation Counsel Burr appeared for the city. Mr. Burr stated that the city would not consent to any delay, and Judge Neu said the cases must be proceeded with. The companies then defended the suits, and the testimony of the inspectors showing, as a result of measurement and timing with stop watches, that the Franklin avenue car had been run at a fourteen-mile rate. A motion was made to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Jenks arguing that it was necessary to show that the violation was wilful. Decision was reserved, but Justice Neu intimated that any such ruling would make it impossible to convict the companies in any case.

GERMAN CATHOLICS TO MEET.

Their Annual State Convention to Open in Williamsburg To-morrow.

To-morrow will be a gala day for the German Catholics of Brooklyn. The annual State Convention of German Catholic clubs and societies will convene in that city.

At 8 a. m. the delegates will meet in the school hall of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Montrose avenue, and hold a preliminary business meeting, and at the conclusion will proceed in a body to the church, where the convention will be formally opened by a high mass, celebrated at 10:30.

In the evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a concert and address of welcome at the Lyceum Theatre, Montrose avenue and Leonard street.

Among the speakers of the evening are the Rev. Mr. J. Schroeder, professor of the Catholic University, Washington; the Rev. Father Schwenninger, of New York; and the Rev. A. Bergold, of Guttenberg, N. J. The concert will be under the supervision of Professor P. Joseph Layondecker.

Monday morning a parade through some of the principal streets of Williamsburg will be held. It will start from Military Hall and proceed to the Church of the Holy Trinity, where it will be disbanded at 10 a. m., after which the delegates will proceed to the hall and the deliberations of the convention will be begun. In the evening a banquet will be held at Military Hall.

MRS. MUGFORD SUES FOR A SEPARATION.

She Has Given Up the Battle for Possession of the Brooklyn Home.

Moves to a Flat and Leaves Her Husband in Control of the Putnam Avenue House.

HE IS SIXTY AND SHE IS FORTY.

When He Courted Her, Less Than a Year Ago, She Declares He Said He Felt Like a Twenty-Year-Old—Quarrelled After the Wedding.

The Mugford troubles, which in the early months of this year added variety as the spice of life in Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, are again beginning to bubble, and will soon break into a maddening boil in the courts. Mrs. Mamie H. Mugford, who held possession of one portion of the house while her aged and wealthy husband was bedridden in another, is the aggressor this time. Through her lawyer, H. J. Leonard, she has served papers in a suit for separation upon her husband. She also talks of other suits for alleged damages of various kinds.

Mrs. Mugford now lives in a flat house at No. 1008 Putnam avenue, while her husband, with his daughter by a former wife, Mrs. Hovey, occupies his home at No. 875 Putnam avenue.

According to her story, Mrs. Mugford met Henry L. Mugford in February, 1895. She was then forty years old, the comely widow of John Bremer, and owned considerable property. Mugford was over sixty, a retired builder, with a fortune of \$75,000. She says she was visiting his house in March and he took advantage of the temporary absence of his daughter to declare his love for her, and asked her to marry him. He told her he felt like a gay youngster of twenty when he was in her presence.

Notwithstanding the fact that this assertion pleased her, the widow was coy. She said she really couldn't give an answer then. So Mugford waited a few weeks and then he "popped" again. He told Mrs. Bremer his daughter, Fannie, was to be married on June 5, and he proposed they make it a double wedding. This is what Mrs. Mugford says. She was still reluctant to give her consent, and it was not until September that she surrendered. Then a diamond ring was bought, and on November 15 they were married.

Mrs. Mugford says they quarrelled on the following day over money matters, the bridegroom displaying a very illiberal spirit. Soon Mrs. Hovey and her husband moved into the Mugford home. The fight between Mr. and Mrs. Mugford became continuous. Mrs. Mugford had several of her husband's friends arrested for burglary in February last, because she found them in the house when she returned from a dinner party. The charges against them were dropped.

Then Mugford and one of the friends sought refuge in the upper part of the house and barricaded the doors. Mrs. Mugford and her maid, Jessie, held possession of the lower part. This state of affairs lasted nearly a week. Then Mr. Mugford went across the street to a house which his daughter had rented. There were several police court proceedings, and Mr. Mugford moved back to his home. Although peace was not restored, the quarrel became less spectacular, and the neighbors lost interest in it. A month ago Mrs. Mugford moved out.

On Thursday night the papers in the separation suit were served on Mugford.

CITY WIRES USED FOR RACES.

Alderman Clarke Claims Brooklyn Has Been "Capping" for Pool Rooms.

During the meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Estimate, yesterday, the fact was developed that the City Government had been indirectly acting as an agent or "capper" for race track poolrooms. President Clarke, of the Common Council, made the fact known.

Alderman Sutro moved that the telephone companies be notified not to make telephone connections outside of the city on "phones" hired by the City Government. The privilege of using them, he said, had been wantonly and outrageously abused. The city paid over \$3,000 last year for telephone service.

Alderman Clarke supported the motion. He said he knew of many cases where men had used the city telephones to place bets on the race tracks, to find out the odds, and for business not at all connected with the government. It was a scandalous abuse that should be stopped.

Comptroller Palmer objected, saying the resolution would hamper his department. Mayor Wurster backed him up by having the motion placed on file.

His House then made a fight for Assistant Corporation Counsel Frank Sperry, who submitted an expense bill of \$1,500, which he said was the amount incurred while he was looking after Brooklyn's good and welfare at Albany. The Comptroller moved that he be paid the bill.

Mr. Taylor said it was a very modest bill. Finally it was laid aside for a while.

The police appropriation was fixed at \$2,210,000. The Fire Department was fixed at \$1,392,000; Building Department, \$77,500; and Arrears Department \$32,250.

MAYHEW FILES AN APPEAL.

Counsel for the Condemned Murderer Expects to Secure a Stay of Execution.

The counsel for Arthur Mayhew, the Hempstead negro convicted of the murder of aged Stephen Powell, in Hempstead on March 7, last, filed an appeal from the conviction at the County Clerk's office in Jamaica yesterday. Mayhew is in Sing Sing under sentence to be put to death during the week ending June 22. The counsel hope to have the appeal act as a stay.

It is not known whether the case can be reached before the date set for the execution, but it is said that it will be argued the early part of June, and that a decision will be handed down in Albany before the date of the execution.

SWARS HE BROKE HER ARM.

Maggie Betz Accuses Jacob Roasch of Deliberately Injuring Her.

Maggie Betz, a young woman, living at No. 280 Stagg street, Williamsburg, yesterday in the Even Street Police Court charged Jacob Roasch, of No. 90 Morgan avenue, with deliberately breaking her right arm.

The complainant told Justice Lennon that she had her arm under the eash of a broken window glass when Roasch caught hold of it and twisted it until it broke. The Fire Department fixed the charge and furnished \$1,000 bail for trial.

FIVE-CENT FARE TO JAMNICA.

Boatmen will to-day take the fare on the Brooklyn Heights system from Brooklyn to Jamaica will be five cents.

THREW HERSELF FROM A WINDOW.

When Left Alone for a Few Minutes Miss Michaels Jumped to the Street.

She Was an Invalid and Had Often Said She Wanted to Die.

SKULL FRACTURED BY THE FALL.

She Struck the Pavement at the Feet of a Letter Carrier Who Was Delivering His Mail—Died Before the Arrival of a Physician.

Emma Michaels, forty-five years old, an unmarried woman, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping headfirst through an open window on the third story of her home, No. 107 Ross street, Williamsburg, to the street. She struck the pavement on her head, crushing her skull.

The suicide lived with her married sister, Mrs. Edwin A. Clark, and had been an invalid for twelve years. Recently an operation was performed which was expected to give the patient immediate relief. The failure of the operation brought on fits of despondency, and it is said she frequently expressed a desire to die.

She feared that the woman would do herself some bodily harm a strict watch was kept over her, and a nurse was in constant attendance.

Mrs. Clark and the nurse were preparing another room for the patient yesterday. Miss Michaels, finding herself alone, jumped from the bed and plunged through the window to the street. The body struck the sidewalk a few feet in advance of Harry Andrews, a letter carrier, who was delivering his mail. Andrews raised the bleeding and unconscious woman from the pavement, and carried her into the house.

Dr. George W. Baker, of No. 540 Bedford avenue, was sent for, but when he arrived the woman was dead. It is believed that she was insane when she took her life.

FOUR HUSBANDS FREED.

Judge Gayner Grants Divorces to Abraham Berthoff, James H. Quinn, Bronson C. Edwards and Adam Schmitt.

Something unusual in divorce proceedings occurred before Justice Gayner yesterday in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn. Four cases came on for trial, and in each instance a woman was the defendant. Their husbands were successful in each case.

Abraham Berthoff, a Bedford avenue business man, was the first plaintiff. One of his witnesses testified that Mrs. Berthoff passed as the wife of "Mr. Jones, of New York."

James Quinn was the defendant in a suit brought by James H. Quinn. Witnesses swore that the woman posed as "Mrs. Smith, of New Brunswick," while on a flying trip to New York.

Until noon yesterday Gertrude Edwards was the wife of Dr. Edwards. The evidence showed that during the summer of 1895 Mrs. Edwards was known in Coney Island as the wife of William James.

Justice Gayner granted an absolute divorce to Quinn, Berthoff and Edwards. He also issued a decree divorcing Adam Schmitt from Pauline Schmitt. A witness swore that the woman lived last March at her home, No. 120 Wythe avenue, as the wife of Anthony Stein.

BOY ACCUSED OF ROBBERY.

Young McGinley's Previous Record Gives Rise to Suspicion.

Peter McGinley, sixteen years old, was held for the action of the Grand Jury yesterday by Justice Lennon, of the Even Street Police Court, Williamsburg, on suspicion of burglary.

The home of Mrs. Mary Minnich, at No. 128 Bayard street, was robbed of three watches, three rings and \$1.60 on Thursday night. McGinley, who was only a few days old released under suspension of sentence by Judge Lennon, was arrested yesterday on a promise to reform, was seen in the neighborhood, and suspicion at once fell on him. He denied the robbery.

The youthful prisoner is a brother of Mrs. Mary White, the young woman who mysteriously disappeared a year ago, and is believed by her relatives to have been murdered. The mother died a few months ago of a broken heart.

DARING DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Ran Out of a Station House and Escaped Police and Bullets.

John J. Monahan, a young man who said he lived at No. 712 Evergreen avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested early yesterday on the suspicion that he had stolen a set of harness which he had with him. He was taken to the Liberty Avenue Station and questioned closely by a sergeant, who directed Policemen Sopher, Kelley and Garvey to take him to Landau's stable on New York Road, at which place he said he had bought the harness.

Monahan made a dash out of the station house, followed by half a dozen men and about a dozen bullets. He escaped.

An Aged Man Found Dead.

John Hoebst, a machinist, seventy-five years of age, of No. 62 Lawrence street, Astoria, was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter last night. Coroner Strong was notified and he said that death had been caused by apoplexy.

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BURGLAR "DOE" IS FREDERICK TITUS.

Identity Finally Established of Brooklyn's Mysterious Robber.

The Same Bungling Methods Which Led to His Arrest Again Betray Him.

SENDS A LETTER TO HIS MOTHER.

He is the Housebreaker Who Hid His Plunder in a Yard and Returned for it the Next Night—Several Other Robberies Charged Against Him.

The mysterious "John Doe," the alleged bungling burglar, is Frederick Titus, of No. 71 Palmetto street, Brooklyn. His identity was made known through the same bungling methods which led to his arrest.

Titus is said to be the man who robbed Mrs. Kate Campbell, of No. 674 Gates avenue, and her neighbor, James B. Drysdale, of No. 480 Monroe street, about two weeks ago. Titus and his confederate, Tom, are said to have removed their booty and hid it in a bush in the garden on the Monroe street end of Mrs. Campbell's property. Late the next night Titus returned to get the stuff. A policeman, who was hiding in the garden, moved, attracting the burglar, who asked: "Is that you, Tom?" which was evidently his confederate's name.

"Yes; what kept you so long?" asked Patrolman James Boyle, who jumped up and caught Titus. The latter broke away and tried to scale the fence. Boyle brought him down in short order.

In spite of his bungling methods, Titus is something of a genius. Two months ago he secured a place as agent for a New York concern. He used the place simply as a lever to help him in his burglarious calling. He went from house to house, and in this way obtained information as to the occupants and the contents. By day he was the industrious, pleading agent, and at night the daring burglar.

Four burglaries have been placed to Titus and they occurred in houses which he visited as an agent. Besides Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Drysdale, Titus and his confederate robbed Mrs. Mary Busteed, of No. 748 Madison street, and Mrs. C. E. Burling, of No. 768 Putnam avenue.

Mrs. Busteed believes he spent most of the night in her house. She heard a strange noise about midnight, and at 4:30 in the morning she saw the burglar climb over her back fence with a bag on his back.

Mrs. Burling caught him forcing open her back parlor window. She aroused the neighborhood and several men shot at Titus from their windows. This happened on March 21.

Until Thursday Titus baffled the police in their efforts to establish his identity. Finally he wrote a letter to his mother, who lives at No. 71 Palmetto street, urging her to get bail for him.

Justice Harriman held the accused man in \$4,000 bail, or \$1,000 on each charge.

SUSPICIOUS OF HIS CLOTHES.

Debetino's New Outfit Resulted in His Arrest for Robbery.

James Debetino, an Italian bootblack with a stand at Myrtle and Sumner avenues, Williamsburg, was arrested Thursday night by Policemen Cook, of the Vernon Avenue Station, on suspicion of having been concerned in the assault on the neighborhood and several men shot at Titus from their windows. This happened on March 21.

Zantiani lives at No. 1,017 Willoughby avenue, and was lured into an unoccupied stable on Lewis avenue, near Hart street, by two men, who, after assaulting him, robbed him of \$27. The money was in a bag about Zantiani's neck.

Debetino when arrested had on a new suit of clothing, straw hat and patent leather shoes. He refused to say where he got the money to buy the outfit. At the station house Charles Hildeman, a baker, of No. 685 Utica street, identified Debetino as one of the men he saw running from the stable. In the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday Justice Goetting remanded the prisoner for trial. He denied all knowledge of robbery.

POLICE DAY IN BROOKLYN.

Formation of the Parade and the Line of March.

The annual parade of the Brooklyn police force will take place this afternoon, and about 1,200 men will be in line. The parade will start from the Bedford avenue fountain at 3 o'clock sharp. The line of march is as follows: Bedford avenue to Lafayette avenue, to Schenck street, to Clinton, to Benson and past the City Hall. The Mayor and Common Council will review the men.

Clerk Rejected Good Money.

George Eshis, who lives in Graham avenue, near Grand street, Williamsburg, was fined \$10 yesterday by Justice Lennon, in the Even Street Police Court, on a charge of intoxication. When Eshis offered Clerk Silverman a \$10 bill, the latter pronounced it a counterfeit and refused to accept it.

Eshis then handed the clerk another bill of the same denomination, which Silverman also rejected. Eshis was then locked in the prisoner's pen while a court officer went to the Bushwick Savings Bank, where the bills were examined and pronounced genuine. The prisoner was released.

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